

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Allegation of corruption against Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidjam Village, Rowthalapudi Mandal, East Godavari District – Trapped on 19-03-2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 889

Dated:24 -08-2009

O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy worked as Village Revenue Officer, Gidajam Village, Rowthalapudi Mandal, East Godavari District from 8-2-2007 to 19-3-2008 and by virtue of the post held by him he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988).

And whereas, Smt Padala Appala Raju, W/o Late Sanyasi Rao, Gidajam Village, Rowthulapudi Mandal, has Ac 2-64 cents of land at Gidjam Village Rowthulapudi Mandal. She is living by doing cultivation. She performed all the marriages of her four daughters and they are living separately in different villages. Smt P.Appala Raju distributed her land to an extent of Ac.2-20 Cents among her four daughters and the same was registered in their names at Sub-Registrar Office, Tuni. Smt P.Appala Raju submitted applications along with her old Pattadar pass book to Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidjam on 21-12-2007 at her village for obtaining Pattadar Pass Books and title deeds in the name of her four daughters. He promised her that the pass books would be issued after 'Pongal'. Later when Smt P.Appala Raju met the Village Revenue Officer Sri K.Suryanarayana Murthy, he procrastinated the matter and made Smt P.Appala Raju move around his office. But he did not give pass books. Finally, on 14-03-2008 at about 11-00 A.M. when Smt P.Appala Raju met the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Suryanarayana Murthy at Tahsildar's Office he demanded Rs.2,000/- as bribe for issuing of Pattadar Pass Books. Then Smt P.Appala Raju pleaded her inability to give such an amount towards bribe. On that Sri K.Suryanarayana Murthy reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 1500/- from Rs.2,000/-and informed her that only after the payment of demanded amount he would prepare Pattadar Pass Books and issue after obtaining the signature of the Tahsildhar, otherwise Pass Books would not be issued. As there was no alternative, Smt P.Appala Raju accepted the proposal and informed him that amount was not ready then. The Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Suryanarayana Murthy asked her to secure and bring the amount at her convenience to Panchayat Office, Gidjam on Wednesday. After payment of bribe, pass books would be issued to her and also informed her that Title Deeds would also be issued with in 10 days after taking signatures of the Revenue Divisional Officer;

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And whereas Smt P. Appala Raju was unwilling to pay bribe amount to village Revenue Officer, Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana, got a report drafted through one Sunkara Gangababu (Gangarao) R/o Gidjam Village, and lodged before the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kakinada on 17-3-2008 at 10-00 A.M. for taking necessary action against Village Revenue Officer Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy. Upon which a case was registered in Cr.No.4/RCT-RY/2008 under sections 7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidajam Village, Rowthulapudi Mandal on 19-03-2008 at 6-30 A.M, after following all the necessary formalities and investigated into;

And whereas, on 19-03-2008 at 12-00 noon Smt.Padala Appala Raju met the Village Revenue Officer Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy at the Grama Panchayat Office, Gidjam, after ascertaining that Smt. Padala Appala Raju brought the bribe amount, he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 1,500/- with his right hand, counted it with both hands and kept the amount Rs. 1,500/- in his right side pant hip pocket and handed over the 2 old and 4 new Pattadar Pass Books to Smt P.Appala Raju and informed her that the Title Deeds would be issued after approval of Revenue Divisional Officer within 15 days. Both the hand fingers of Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, when subjected to chemical test, yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs. 1,500/- was recovered from the right side pant hip pocket of Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy. The inner linings of right side pant hip pocket of Sri K.Suryanarayana Murthy when subjected to Sodium Carbonate solution yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs.1500/- and the connected records in possession of Sri K.Suryanarayana Murthy in his hand bag were seized during post trap proceedings.

And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidajam Village, Rowthulapudi Mandal, East Godavari District constitute offences punishable Under Sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988).

And whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidajam Village, Rowthulapudi Mandal, East Godavari District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy should be prosecuted in court of law for the aforesaid offences;

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Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause(b) sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Kuchimanchi Suryanarayana Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Gidjam Village, Rowthulapudi Mandal, East Godavari District for the said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognizable offence punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER